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EUROPEAN WAR NEWS
LIKE HITTE REPORTS

Dr. von Luschann Says Records Found
Give Accounts of Great
Battles.

Similarity between some phases of a war waged hundreds of years B. C. and the present European conflict was pointed out by Dr. Felix von Luschann, director of the Museum of Antiquities, Berlin, at the Public Library last evening, when he quoted passages from writings found in the Hittite capital which he excavated. Translating passages telling of the victory of a great army and the overwhelming defeat of the opposing forces, Dr. Luschann declared it resembled "today's newspaper."

The double-winged sun, the Hittite nation, he said, was the emblem from which the double-headed eagle now used by the nation of Russia had been evolved. He doubted whether relics of the present day can be preserved so well as the modern museum as were a number of the relics found in the Hittite capital, "for," he said, "the gold and silver may be stolen, and the pottery broken."

Difficulties with the stereopticon machine made it impossible to show all the pictures which Dr. Luschann had prepared and none of them could be shown until his address was nearly finished. His lecture was given under the auspices of the Anthropological Society of Washington.

COMMUTERS MAY CHALLENGE.

Commission Says Its Rate Action Is
Not Approval.

Action of the Interstate commerce commission in refusing to suspend the increases in commutation rates in and out of Washington over the Pennsylvania lines, which became effective yesterday, is not taken as approval of the rates by that body, it is declared. The refusal of the body to suspend the rates does not prejudice the right of any commuters from challenging the rates in a formal proceeding.

It is the view of the commission, upon consideration of the facts before it, "said an official statement issued by the commission, that it should not exercise its authority to suspend in these instances. The fact that the commission has not suspended the rates carries with it no expression of approval as to the reasonableness of the rates, and it is not intended to prejudice to the right of any of those using commutation tickets in the affected territory to challenge in a formal proceeding the reasonableness of the schedules."

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The dinner is not to be in rivalry with the annual law school banquet, but merely to supplement it. Among the features of the affair will be the singing of a parody on "Tipperary," the song parading the elevator service at the law school.

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SERVICES IN MEMORY
OF HUGH T. TAGGART

Columbia Historical Society Pays
Tribute to Deceased Attorney.
Eulogies Pronounced.

Memorial exercises for the late Hugh T. Taggart, who, in his capacity as a lawyer, rendered many public services to the District of Columbia, were conducted by the Columbia Historical Society at its regular December meeting in the banquet hall of the Shoreham Hotel last night. His life and character were eulogized by William Henry Dennis, his successor as chairman of the District bar examination committee. Henry E. Davis, W. B. Bryan and others. Mr. Dennis enumerated the many public improvements, such as the reclamation of the Anacostia flats and the establishment of titles to Rock Creek Park, which had been secured by the people of the District of Columbia through Mr. Taggart's efforts. His death October 6 last, in his seventieth year, Mr. Dennis said, was a distinct loss to the District.

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BR-R-R! IT'S TO BE COLD
FOR 48 HOURS MORE

There Will Be Little Change in the
Temperature. Says the
Weather Man.

Washington's official minimum temperature for the last twenty-four hours was exactly the same as yesterday, the thermometer at the weather bureau showing as the low mark 11 degrees above zero at 8 o'clock this morning. Prospects, according to the forecaster, are that the cold will continue for at least forty-eight hours, with little change in temperature, although it is expected the mercury will go no lower than 15 degrees above zero tonight. The forecaster adds this ray of hope, however: No snow is in prospect for the District, at least during the next few days, although the indications are that heavy snows are expected to be snowed under today or tonight.

Cold Wave Over Country.

Two more days of freezing temperatures were predicted for all parts of the United States, with the exception of the Pacific coast and southern Florida, by the weather forecasters today. Throughout the northern middle west the mercury rested below zero, without any immediate prospect of a rise. In the Pacific states, however, the heavy frosts of the past several days were expected to disappear soon before the advancing warmer winds.

Throughout the east and south the indications were that continued cold weather would prevail, with freezing temperatures, southern Florida being the only exception.

Below Zero in Maryland.

The temperature went down to zero in Cumberland, Md., and at Frostburg it registered six below zero.

Intense cold prevailed in the middle west. At Eveleth, Minn., it was 21 below zero; at Virginia, Minn., 19 below; and at Duluth it was 14 below, while the wind attained a velocity of over seventy miles an hour. The coldest December day in five years was recorded at Indianapolis, where the temperature was 7 below zero. In the suburbs there. Street clocks stopped and the small streams in western Pennsylvania and West Virginia were frozen solid. A wind velocity of seventy-five miles an hour was recorded in Buffalo.

Northern New York state was blanketed with snow from two to five feet deep.

KNOCKS DOWN HOLD-UP MAN.

Leo Smith Then Goes on Home.
Several Small Robberies Reported.

Leo Smith, 237 K street northeast, was held up by an unidentified colored man while passing under the K street viaduct last night about 10:30 o'clock on his way home, he told the police. The colored man asked him for his money, but Smith struck the would-be robber, knocked him down and resumed his homeward journey.

Two dozen cans of lobster, tomatoes and peas and a bottle of apricot brandy disappeared from the house of Henry J. Berens, 1215 M street northwest, yesterday afternoon. The entrance was gained through a rear door that had been left open.

W. H. Collins of 1539 7th street northwest complained to the police of the loss of \$10. The money was obtained from him by means of the flim-flam trick, played on him by two young white men, he stated.

Mrs. Mary E. Hoy, 227 K street northeast, reported the theft of a letter from her mail box. The letter contained \$1, she stated.

FOR ADEQUATE PENSIONS.

Howard Park Citizens Favor Greater
Assistance Retired Firemen.

Support of the demand for an adequate pension system for retired firemen and firemen's widows was given by the Howard Park Citizens' Association meeting yesterday night at the clubhouse of the Howard Park Fire Association. The association instructed its president, D. E. Wiseman, to address suitable communications to the District Commissioners, asking them to take immediate action on the matter.

Letters also will be sent the Commissioners concerning deplorable conditions said to exist in certain districts, which, it was declared, are open from 2 o'clock in the afternoon until after 12 o'clock at night, allowing many young girls from school and from work.

Speakers emphasized the need of a reform in the colored girls to be supervised by colored people.

Cavalry Officer Buried at Arlington
Yesterday Afternoon.

Col. Walter L. Finley of the cavalry arm of the army died at the Walter Reed Army Hospital, near Brightwood, Sunday, after an illness of several months. Funeral services were held at St. John's Church yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment was in the Arlington national cemetery. A squadron of the 5th Cavalry at Fort Myer escorted the funeral party from the church to the cemetery, and the usual military ceremonies were observed at the grave.

The honorary pallbearers were Gen. A. L. Mills, Gen. J. A. Johnston, Col. F. S. Foltz, General Staff; Col. E. F. Land of the Cavalry department; Major Col. G. H. Macdonald, retired, and Col. G. H. Cameron, general staff.

D. C. EMPLOYEES AT DINNER.

Plumbing Inspector's Force Holds
Annual Oyster Roast.

With Engineer Commissioner Kutz, Assistant Engineer Commissioner Anderson and guests from other cities in attendance, employees and former employees of the District Monday night gave their annual oyster roast and entertainment at the Elks' Club, 919 H street northwest.

Among those who contributed to the program were Walter Humphrey, John J. Murphy, Felix Murphy, George Danden and Frank Trodden in solos, Lee Moxley in monologue and Zeb Clark in a whistling solo.

The guests, in addition to the engineering department officials, were Dr. William Tindall, secretary to the Commissioners; C. L. Putts, plumbing inspector of Baltimore; J. W. McFarland of Cumberland, Md.; O. W. Gleason of Philadelphia and C. T. Ford of Cleveland, Ohio.

Proceeds from the dinner that may remain after expenses are met will be turned over to the Associated Charities.

SEES AN IMPROVEMENT
IN NATION'S FINANCES

Advisory Council Also Reports Good
Credit Conditions and Better
Industrial Situation.

The advisory council, the only body with authority under the law to give advice to the federal reserve board, composed of some of the most prominent financiers of the nation, which assembled yesterday for the first time, gives good report of financial conditions, and bears testimony to the improvement in the industrial situation in the United States during the last few months. Credit conditions are regarded as exceptionally good, reserves abundant, and short-time money cheap.

J. B. Forgan, who was elected president of the council, and J. P. Morgan, designated a member of the executive committee, are among the well known financiers who are members of the advisory council. Interest was shown by the federal reserve board in the expressed opinions that there are most promising indications of the revival of business, and an upward trend of industrial conditions.

Questions Under Consideration.

The council, meeting twice with the board yesterday, made no concrete recommendations. The board asked for counsel on questions relating to time deposits, the use of acceptances and the admission into the federal system of state banks. Through an executive committee the council will shortly submit its conclusions on the subject.

The board issued a statement reciting the events of the first meeting, which read, in part:

"At the joint meeting it was suggested with reference to state bank admissions that care be taken in order to avoid the possibility of leaving in situations which were strong and capable of performing the service in a commercial way, while at the same time, the board issued a statement recommending that it was stated that in many parts of the country state banks are ready and willing to seek admission under proper conditions in support of their proposals."

Reserve System Excites Enthusiasm.

"The meeting developed an unusual degree of enthusiasm over the prospect of the federal reserve system, particularly with reference to the clearing of checks when properly safeguarded and applied."

The board has announced that the federal banks in Cleveland and Kansas City have lowered their rediscount rates to correspond to those authorized by the Federal Reserve Act. The board issued a statement expressing its confidence in the soundness of the currency and its willingness to follow these reductions.

U. C. V. ELECTS OFFICERS.

Capt. Fred Beall Chosen Commander
of Camp 171.

Capt. Fred Beall was elected commander of Camp 171, United Confederate Veterans, for 1915, at the meeting of that organization last evening in Confederate Memorial Hall, 1322 Vermont avenue.

Other officers and members of committees chosen to serve during the year were:

Capt. D. C. Grayson, first vice commander; Capt. H. H. Marnaduke, second vice commander; Lovick Pierce, adjutant; R. C. Denny, financial secretary; Robert W. Harrover, treasurer; William J. Parr, sergeant-at-arms; Rev. Dr. H. H. McKim, chaplain; Dr. J. Wythe Cook and Dr. James L. Sundarth, surgeons.

Executive committee—M. S. Thompson, Capt. John M. Hickey, Capt. S. Walton, George M. Gordon and Joseph Baumer. Relief committee—James T. J. Moat, Robert Thompson, S. W. E. Pegues and Dr. J. Wythe Cook. Membership committee—John T. Callahan, George W. Harrover, S. Kinvolving, Benjamin Martin and John W. Pitt. Employment committee—Gabriel Edson, Justice Seth Shepard, Justice Charles B. Howry, William A. Gordon and Leigh Robinson.

Harvard Club to Elect Officers.

Officers of the Washington Harvard Club are to be elected at the January meeting of that organization. At a meeting at the University Club last evening plans were discussed for the annual dinner to be held early in February.

CONCERT TONIGHT

At the Soldiers' Home at 7:30 o'clock by the United States Soldiers' Home Band, Emil A. Fendstad, assistant director.

March, "Through Battle to Victory"; "American Festival"; Valse suite, "Adele"; "Briquet Excerpts from 'The Little Millionaire'"; "Cohan Scarf dance, 'Pas Des Echarpes'"; "Chantrelle"; "Callitrope"; "Dance grotesque, 'Cossack Revels'"; "Tschakoff Finale, 'Medley of Remick's Hits'"; "The Star Spangled Banner."

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